(c) whether the provisions of the Act have been brought into effect and if so, since when; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor and by when the same will come into force?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI SURESH PACHOURI): (a) and (b) The Central Vigilance Commission Act, 2003 passed by the Parliament in 2003 is a public document and has been published in the Gazette of India Extraordinary, Section 1, Part-II dated 12th September, 2003 for general information.

(c) and (d) The Central Vigilance Commission Act,. 2003 has come into operation *w.e.f.* the 11th September, 2003 i.e. the date on which it has received the assent of the President.

CBI raids

†436. SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD:
SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH MAJITHA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that CBI has made large scale raids in different towns of the country from the year 2002 to June, 2005 and nabbed corrupt persons;

(b) if so, the number of raids made by CBI during the said period and the number of persons related to these raids; and

(c) the number of persons found guilty as well as the number of persons found jnnocent in the initial enquiry?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI SURESH PACHOURI): (a) Yes, Sir. CBI conducted 11 nationwide Special Drives during 2002 to June 2005 (4 in 2002, 1 in 2003, 3 in 2004 & 3 in 2005) as a part of its Vigilance and Anti corruption work. In these drives searches were conducted at several places across the country.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(b) Details of raids is given as follows:

Year	No. of cases registered	No. of persons involved	No. of searches conducted
2002	122	235	383
2003	32	48	104
2004	138	414	521
2005 (upto 30.6.2005)	169	404	632
TOTAL	461	1101	1640

(c) Searches are conducted during investigation to collect evidence guilt or innocence of persons involved is determined by the Courts where the cases are submitted for trial. No such conclusion can be reached during initial enquiry.

Harassment of whistle blowers

437. SHRI K.B. KRISHNA MURTHY:
SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:
SHRI HARISH RAWAT:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that whistle blowers/scam busters are being harassed by their respective Departments and Investigating Agencies; and

(b) if so, how many such cases have come to the notice of Government and what steps have been taken for their safety?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI SURESH PACHOURI): (a) and (b) The Central Vigilance Commission (CVC) has been made the Designated Agency to look into the complaints made by whistle blower and to ensure their protection. The CVC has informed that it has formulated its policy for handling complaints under Government of India resolution with respect to whistle blowers/scams busters, which is available on its website. It has further stated that the fact related to harassment/victimization of whistle blower can be established only after the investigation are over.